

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Thursday, September 29, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street. The meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2005 but was changed due to a scheduling conflict.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	absent
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Assistant Police Chief J. P. Weisheit, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Building Commissioner David Seger, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. Police Chief Richard Gunselman was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. Two of the three of the board members were present which constitutes a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 13, 2005. A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREET**

Chantelle Foote, 2002 Cobblestone Road, requested permission to close Brownstone Ct. for a neighborhood block party on Friday, October 14, 2005 from 6 p.m. to when the city says. Street Commissioner Eckerle agreed to provide barricades for the event.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, permission was given to close Brownstone Court on Friday, October 14, 2005 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. for a neighborhood block party. Motion passed 2-0.

**PERFORMANCE BOND – MILL CREEK PARK III**

Al Mehringer, Kerstiens Corporation, requested release of the \$100,000 performance bond for Mill Creek Park III, which expired in August 2005. Mr. Mehringer asked the board to accept a new performance bond in the amount of \$50,000 for Mill Creek III. He said that the Street Commissioner had reviewed the unfinished work and had estimated that \$50,000 would be an adequate amount for the

uncompleted work. Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle affirmed that \$50,000 would be an adequate amount for a new bond. Building Commissioner Dave Seger advised that extension of performance bonds is for one year.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to release the \$100,000 performance bond on Mill Creek III that expired in August 2005 and accept a new performance bond of \$50,000 for Mill Creek III for one year . Motion passed 2-0.

### **REPORTS**

**Paving.** - Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that, as of September 1, 2005, J. H. Rudolph, the asphalt supplier, has increased the price of paving and patching materials by approximately \$2 per ton per the escalation clause in the contract. Eckerle stated that because of this increase some streets scheduled to be paved in 2005 would not be paved this year.

**Surcharge.** - Street Commissioner Eckerle also reported that IMI has added a \$7.50 surcharge per load on all deliveries because of the increase in the price of fuel.

**Fuel.** - Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that the fuel budget last month was \$12,500 and that the highest month of the year is usually \$7,500.

### **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle, on behalf of Shane Lindauer, requested closing Ryan Drive in Shiloh Estates on Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. for a neighborhood block party.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to close Ryan Drive on Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. for a neighborhood block party. Motion passed 2-0.

**Snow Plow Dry Run.** – Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle reported that the street department would conduct a snow plow route dry run on Wednesday, October 19, 2005.

### **CHAIN SAW SAFETY TRAINING**

Personnel/Safety Director Charlie Schneider reported that 85 employees attended a Chain Saw Safety seminar on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at Centennial Park. Tom's Lawn & Garden, along with Stihl chain saw representatives, helped conduct the seminar.

### **CHANGE ORDER #2 – MERIDIAN ROAD RELOCATION AND WIDENING PROJECT**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented Change Order #2 for the Meridian Road Relocation and Widening Project. Hurm explained the reasons for the changes in the project and stated that the change order was for an increase of \$97,479.68. Thomas Schmidt asked why these additions and changes weren't seen before commencement of the project. Hurm replied that some of the changes were at the City's request and the others, such as soil conditions, did not materialize until after the project was underway. Because the contractor signed the change order before Hurm made changes, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein advised on getting the change order in final form as it would be better for the records if the contractor signed off after the changes were made.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve Change Order #2 for the Meridian Road Relocation and Widening Project on condition a new change order is prepared so its clear Rudolph agreed to the amounts and then the board will sign off. Motion passed 2-0.

#### **TRAFFIC COUNTER SPEED STUDY UNIT**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented the following quote for a traffic counter/speed recording unit from Kustom Signals, Inc.

1 Stealthstat	\$3,695.00
Shipping	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Total	\$3,715.00

City Engineer Hurm recommended this tubeless type of unit and explained that Kustom Signals, Inc. was the only supplier. He stated that he used a demonstrator model for the last several months and was pleased with the results. Building Commissioner Dave Seger stated that many businesses thinking of locating to Jasper ask for traffic counts. Mayor Schmitt suggested purchasing two units. He said they can be used for studies and can be an important tool for economic development reasons. Tom Schmidt said if two units are purchased, he wants to see them used and not setting on a shelf.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to purchase two Stealthstat units from Kustom Signals, Inc. for a cost of \$3,715.00 each to enable the Planning Commission and the Planning Department to truly become a planning department and get information for traffic studies. Motion passed 2-0.

#### **TRAFFIC AUXILIARY**

Assistant Police Chief J. P. Weisheit requested hiring up to five traffic safety auxiliary officers. He stated that the original request was for three.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to the police department to hire up to five traffic safety auxiliary officers. Motion passed 2-0.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that plans for an Open House at the downtown fire station on Sunday, October 2, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. are going well. He stated there would be a dedication at 1 p.m. to the Maurice Melchoir Family for their financial contribution to the Jasper Fire Department.

#### **EASEMENT & DEED OF DEDICATION**

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented the following easement and deed for acceptance and approval:

##### ***Grant of Permanent Electric Utility Easement***

Christopher J. and Melissa A. Allen - Part of Lot No. 194 in Mill Creek Park IV to the City of Jasper.

### ***Deed of Dedication***

From the Board of Trustees for the Vincennes University –  
Part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of S1, T2S, R5W and  
Part of the W ½ of the NW ¼ of S6, T2S, R4W  
- The newly contracted street running from Meridian Road to near the  
Community Arts Center – extension of College Avenue.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve and accept the Easement and Deed of Dedication as listed above. Motion passed 2-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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**Mayor William J. Schmitt**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary